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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 has been amended as follows:

As PCR-amplification conditions for the ITS-DNA, the composition of the PCR reagent and the reactive conditions are shown in Table 1 and Table 2 below. The primer set may PCR amplify a sequence including ITS-DNAs or it may PCR amplify only a portion of ITS-DNAs. 1541f (sequence number SEQ ID NO: 1, see below) and LS23r (sequence number SEQ ID NO: 2, see below) are cited as examples. Other primer sets capable of PCR amplifying ITS-DNAs can also be used. After a PCR reaction, 2 μ l of the amplified product is confirmed using 1.5% agarose gel electrophoresis.

Please amend Table 1 as follows:

Per one reaction

Sterilized water	37.75 μ l
10 x PCR buffer	5.0 μ l
dNTPs (2mM each)	5.0 μ l (final density 0.2 mM)
20 μ M 1512f 20 μ M 1541f primer (sequence number <u>SEQ ID NO: 1</u>)	0.5 μ l (final density 0.2 μ M)
20 μ M LS23r primer (sequence number <u>SEQ ID NO: 2</u>)	0.5 μ l (final density: 0.2 μ M)
Taq DNA polymerase (5 units/ μ l) ^{*2}	0.25 μ L (1.25 units)
Genome DNA	1 μ l (10 ng)

*2: HotSarTaq Polymerase by QIAGEN (Cat #203203) is used.

Page 9, line 1, has been amended as follows:

(Sequence number SEQ ID NO: 1)

Page 9, line 11, has been amended as follows:

(Sequence number SEQ ID NO: 2)